Statement

Details of the f.o.b. value of exports as against the export target fixed for years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 in the case of SEEPZ and KAFTZ.

(Rs. In Crores)

	1990-91		1991-92		1992-93		1993-94	
	Export target	Total exports	Export target	Total exports	Export target	Total exports	Export target	Total exports
Santacruz Electronics Export Processing Zone (SEEPZ)	335.00	393.65	475.00	513.32	650.00	806.31	1000.00	1107.36
Kandla Free Trade Zone (KAFTZ)	350.00	456.57	413.00	427.18	200.00	167.21	350 00	270.46

Export of Organic Foods

1760. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a great demand for organic food in the country as well as abroad;

(b) whether the farmers producing such foods in U.P. and Haryana are unable to market these products due to non-certification, lack of market facilities and fair prices;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to encourage cooperative societies for marketing and exporting their products after obtaining the necessary certificates as required in this regard;

(d) whether Government also propose to ask Cooperative Societies and Public Sector Undertakings such as National Dairy Development Board/Mother Dairy to market these products at a premium initially to satisfy the vast demand and potential and indirectly help export through a labelling and certification process; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) There is a growing demand for organic foods. As this is an emerging market segment, consumer preferences and marketing procedures are still in the process of being evolved with a view to facilitate the exports of organic products, Government have set up a Standing-cum-Accreditation Committee to evolve policies and procedures for accredition of inspection and certification agencies.

Export of organic foods are generally allowed freely. Cooperative societies and public sector undertakings can also undertake such exports on a commercial basis, besides, availing of various export incentives and schemes operated by the Spices Board, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and Tea Board etc.

Export of Electronic Products

1761. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for export of electronic products during 1994-95;

(b) the foreign exchange earned through the export of electronic products during the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to achieve the target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Sectorwise targets have not been fixed for 1994-95. However, the Electronics & Computer Software EPC has fixed the target of US $ 435 million for export of electronic products.

(b) The details of the foreign exchage earned through export of electronic products during the last three years is as under:—

(In Ml. US $)

1991-92	336
1992-93	316
1993-94	348

SOURCE: Electronics & Computer Sowfiare EPC.

(c) The various steps being taken by the Government for achieving the target fixed for the export of these products include participation in exclusive Indian electronic shows, participation in international exhibitions, sponsoring of market surveys etc. In addition, the general measures taken to boost exports include introduction of Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) Scheme, reduction in interest rate on rupee credit, reduction in tariff level on import of machinery and other inputs, etc.

Export of Non-Traditional Items without Disturbing Domestic Market

1762. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to allow industries to export non-traditional items without disturbing out domestic markets as well as to meet the foreign exchange earning requirements as many such non-traditional exportable items are either in short supply or are evenly balanced in domestic markets; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) and (b) Export of all items, traditional and non-traditional are encouraged for increasing the foreign exchange earnings with due consideration to any effect on domestic availability. Continuous measures are taken to increase the level of domestic production, especially for exports.

Enemy Property in West Bengal

1763. SHRI JOYANTA ROY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the exact area of movable (landed) and the amount of immovable (other than landed) enemy properties in West Bengal covered by the Enemy Property Act;

(b) what is the present condition of such property; and

(c) how are these properties being utilised and what are the agencies developed to deal with the affairs of such property?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) A total of 600.42 acres of immovable property in West Bengal is covered by the Enemy Property Act, 1968. In addition to these landed properties, rights in buildings in full or in part belonging to Pakistani nationals in respect of 95 buildings located in Calcutta are vested in the Custodian of Enemy Property under the Enemy Property Act, 1968. About 5,60,000 shares of various companies whose registered offices are situated in West Bengal are vested in the CEP under the Act.

(b) The landed properties are leased out by the Custodian of Enemy Property, Mumbai, through district authorities from time to time.

(c) The immovable properties (landed) are utilised by the tenants/lessees for the purpose of cultivation. The buildings are utilised for residential purposes except in a few cases where some parts of buildings are used for commercial purposes. The Custodian of Enemy Property for India through his offices at Mumbai and Calcutta deals with the affairs of these properties with the help with District Authorities.

CII Survey Regarding Indian Exporters

1764. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether from the findings of a recent survey conducted by the Confederation of Indian Industry, it is revealed that Indian exporters are not even inspired by the profit motive and they are happy with the domestic market which offers them a ready and lucrative business;

(b) if so, whether this is perceived as a failure of Government policy which lacks adequate motivating force to boost potential exporters to come out of their despondency;

(c) whether it is a fact that companies export their products either to save taxes or to enhance the image of their products in the more profitable domestic market;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to tackle such tendency among potential exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Government's attention has been drawn to a survey of Indian companies conducted by Confederation of Indian Industry in August, 1994, wherein, it has been state, among others, that companies have found the profit margin in export market to be not as good as in the domestic market. However, the survey also reveals that companies are committed to expand their export business.

(b) No, Sir. On account of the policy initiatives of the Government, exports have infact registered a high growth of about 20% in 1993-94, and growth in the current year during April—October, 1994, the latest period for which trade statistics are available, continues to be encouraging.

(c) to (e) Companies are encouraged to increase their exports, apart from domestic sales, through several promotional measures including tax exemption.

Incentives to States to Encourage Exports

1765. DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 202 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th August, 1994 and state :

(a) what progress has been made in the project;

(b) whether there are problems in implementing this project;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps have Government taken to speed up this programme?